

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SETTING UP A CALL OVER A PACKET-BASED TRANSPORT NETWORK**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

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A method comprises the steps of directing a call intended for a mobile (531) to a virtual tandem switch (501). The virtual tandem switch (501), which may include multiple converters (505 and 507) queries a home location register to obtain call information for the mobile (531). The call to the mobile (531) is set 10 up over a packet-based transport network (523).

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